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1. It was reported in late April 1959<sup>1</sup> that Jewish representatives had been negotiating with the Hungarian government for a controlled exodus of Jews from Hungary, to begin in mid-June 1959. It has since been learned that no agreement was reached. The Hungarian Minister of Education, Gyula Kallai,<sup>2</sup> told a representative of the Joint Distribution Committee that his government would permit the emigration of Jews from Hungary under the following conditions:
  - a. The Joint Distribution Committee would pay \$1,000 for each Jew emigrating under the terms of the agreement.
  - b. All individuals benefiting from the arrangement would be selected by the Hungarian authorities.
  - c. The Joint Distribution Committee could veto 25 percent of those selected by the Hungarian government.
  - d. The Joint Distribution Committee, after accepting the above-outlined conditions, could open an office in Budapest. However, the office would have to be staffed by Hungarian citizens residing in Hungary.
2. The Hungarian government's terms were forwarded to the Joint Distribution Committee's headquarters in the United States. That office made no reply to the offer.

<sup>1</sup> [ ] Reported in [ ]

<sup>2</sup> [ ] : [ ] unable to explain Kallai's concern with this matter. He believes, however, that Kallai is slated for a position of greater responsibility in the government and is in the meantime being given various tasks reaching beyond the competence of his ministry.

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